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AMUSEMENTS THIS AFTERNOON AND EVENING.

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MART STUART.GERMAN STADT THEATRE, 45 and 47 Bowery.
—ZEMM MACHEN UND KIM MACHEN—EISENHEIMER HAGEN-
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day a few weeks since—a change which affords very
great advantage to the mercantile community, and of
which the members avail themselves by forwarding a
mail as bulky as that taken by the Saturday steamships.The steamship Columbia, Captain Barton, of Messrs.
Garrison & Allen's line, will leave pier No. 4 North
river at three P. M. to-day for Havana. The mails
will close at the Post Office at two P. M.The stock market was buoyant yesterday till towards
the close of business, when it reacted. Gold closed at
158 1/2.There was only a moderate business consummated in
commercial circles yesterday. Domestic produce was
in fair demand and generally higher, while merchandise
ruled dull and heavy. Coffee was unchanged. Cotton
was dull and 1/2c lower. On "Change flour advanced 5c.
10c, wheat 1c, 2 1/2c, and corn and oats 1c, 2c.Pork was a shade firmer. Beef was steady, while lard
was without decided change. Freight continued dull.
Whiskey was nominal. Petroleum was depressed.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A special telegram from New Orleans says that a mes-
senger of Juarez has arrived there with despatches for
Minister Romero containing information of the capture
of Queretaro by the liberals. Maximilian is reported
missing, and it is supposed that he has either escaped or
is secreted in the town. Miramon had died of his
wounds, and Marquez was again severely defeated by
Diaz. Matamoros is reported besieged by Canales, who
was awaiting assistance from Cordoba to expel Ber-
rizar from the command of the city. These parties
are adherents of Orta, and the more indicates that the
pretended President is still determined to assert his
claims. Our correspondent at Matamoros, Mexico, writ-
ing on the 18th of April, says that the imperialists in
Queretaro will yet break out and keep the country in a
turmoil for two or three months longer. The interces-
sion of Mr. Seward in behalf of Maximilian, in case of
his capture, will do no good, and will give rise to hard
feeling against this country on the part of the liberals.Mr. Campbell, through whom the note was sent, not
having presented his credentials at the Mexican Court, is
not recognized there except as a private citizen.Our Havana correspondence is dated April 27. Pre-
parations were being made to send the Spanish iron-plate
Tatsumi to sea under sealed orders.We have news from British Guiana dated at George-
town, Demarara, on the 9th of April. Mr. Edward Noel
Walker, who had arrived from England, was gazetted,
and entered on his duties as assistant Government Sec-
retary. A report had got about that the question of the
impeachment of the Chief Justice of the island had been
settled, the legal gentlemen employed by the colony
having decided that there was no case to go before the
Privy Council in England. The Chief Justice denies this,
and says that the prosecution is in progress. The French
steamer Guyane, from Cayenne, made Georgetown on
the morning of the 4th of April, and landed the captain
and seven men on the St. Catherine, which vessel
founded at sea on the 5th of March, when on her way
from the West Coast of Africa to Liverpool, with a cargo
of palm oil, palm nuts and other goods. Four hundred
and seventy-five coolie immigrants from Calcutta had
been landed.Yokohama, Japan, dates are to the 3d of April. The
war with China was suspended. Apologies had been
demanded by the British Minister, and made by the
Mikado, for insults offered to the British officers by the
navies. The meeting of foreign ministers in Osaka was
to take place during the latter part of April. Another
fire had destroyed a large portion of Yokohama, and
several incendiaries have been discovered.The news from China is not important. The Port of
Peking was opened to trade on the 28th of March.Our San Francisco correspondent says that he has in-
formation to the effect that a system of slavery exists
on the Society Islands, under the auspices of the French
government, unequalled in barbarity by any former
plantation system down South. The victims are
Chinese coolies and natives of the Pacific Islands.Senator Wilson received quite an ovation from the col-
ored people at Wilmington, N. C., yesterday. He made
a speech of the usual tenor, and was replied to by Mr.
Benjamin Robinson, a local orator. The audience was
very enthusiastic. The national flag was displayed from
the public buildings, and a procession, with music, ban-
ners, flags, and devices paraded the streets.The State Soldiers' Bounty bill was discussed in the
Massachusetts House of Representatives yesterday, and
an amendment authorizing the sale of liquor to raise
a revenue for the payment of the bounties was rejected
almost unanimously.The Japanese Commissioners were presented to Sec-
retary Seward yesterday, and after an interesting in-
terview were shown through the State Department. They
will be presented to the President on Friday.The election for Judge of the new City Court in Bal-
timore took place yesterday, resulting in a decided dem-
ocratic majority.It is reported in Washington that Serratt and the
counsel for the prosecution in his case have agreed to
proceed with the trial on the 27th inst.Governor English was inaugurated at Hartford yester-
day. The day was observed as a holiday, and the military
parade was very fine. The message of the Governor
was sent in immediately to the Legislature on the organ-
ization of that body.The ice in the St. Lawrence at Quebec, which resisted
all efforts to move it by blowing up with gunpowder,
mowed of itself yesterday, and the river will soon be
clear.Patrick McGrath, the last of the Fenians in Canada,
was sentenced to death at Toronto, yesterday, the
execution to take place on the 11th of June. The
Judge, in passing sentence, said he did not suppose it
would be carried out.Fifty thousand dollars is the fee claimed by the coun-
sel employed by the United States to defend the Fenians
on trial in Canada last winter, and the question arises
as to how Mr. Seward can pay it, there being no provision
for any such outlay, and the Senate not being very apt
to grant an appropriation for the purpose.

More Trouble About the Excise Law.

District Attorney Morris, of Kings county,
has written a very earnest letter to Mr. Bliss,
law officer of the Excise Commissioners, in the
shape of a protest and a warning against the
form of application required for a retail liquor
license. Mr. Morris pronounces this formula
illegal, tyrannical and absurd, and says "if
these humiliating and tyrannical conditions
are insisted upon they will end ought to be
hurled back in the teeth of the Commissioners
with contempt and detestation." He charges,
in short, that the Commissioners in demanding
this form of application for a liquor license are
going beyond the Excise law, and that any man
who submits to such conditions is unfit to
have a license. We presume that the approach-
ing Constitutional State Convention will put
all this matter of liquor laws and excises
within reasonable and well defined limits; but,
in the meantime, the zeal of the Excise Com-
missioners ought not to outrun their lawful
authority. The Excise law, within its plain
provisions, is hard enough upon offenders, and
sometimes, if harshly enforced, operates very
severely and unfairly. There is no excuse,
then, on the part of the Excise Commissioners
to go beyond the limit of the law; and if they
have done so, as represented by Mr. Morris,
they ought to repair the blunder and its in-
justice at once.

The Fear of Consecration.

One of our Southern correspondents, writing
from Mississippi, says that among that people
the existing reconstruction laws of Congress
"are not so interesting a subject of considera-
tion as the threat of consecration;" that these
military bills do not hurt them; but that "the
fear of consecration is an actual destroyer of
confidence," and that all classes feel the con-
sequences. No doubt the late doleful story
of consecration from the remorseless Stevens
will tend somewhat to increase these Southern
apprehensions of worse things yet to come
than negro suffrage; but let the Southern peo-
ple in good faith meet the conditions before
them, and Northern public opinion will secure
fair play from Congress. There need be no
fear upon this point.

Woman Suffrage in England.

The number of women advocates of woman
suffrage has been steadily increasing in Eng-
land. Their name is already legion. "And not
a few names of men are inscribed on the great
petitions which were lately laid before the
House of Commons in favor of the movement,
the one by Mr. John Stuart Mill and the other
by Mr. Russell Gurney." "Mr. Mill is still a
faithful champion of the ladies; but for some
reason or other, which is not promulgated, will
soon be publicly explained, another philosopher,
Mr. Herbert Spencer, seems to have deserted
the cause. He has been converted by Miss Collet,
the only lady who is writing against the en-
franchisement of her sex. Solitary and alone
she contends against Miss Cobbe and her
sister Amans. The latter, however, seem to
have fascinated and won the people in theirThe London Conference—Its Probable Doings
and Results.The truth seems at last to have been arrived
at. Our cable news has made it clear that
the Conference has been agreed to, and it has
at the same time explained how a certain
doubtful telegram originated. In closing the
North German Parliament, King William very
prudently refrained from making any allusion
to the Luxembourg question. The omission
was not only rashly interpreted, but rashly
telegraphed without the attendant circum-
stances. A later despatch confirmed the accu-
racy of the intelligence on which we had
previously acted. The announcement of Lord
Stanley in the British House of Commons war-
rants us now to look at the Conference as a
coming fact, and to speculate on its probable
doings and results.Ostensibly the deliberations of the Plenipo-
tentiaries are to be limited to the one question
of Luxembourg. What will satisfy France?
what will satisfy Prussia? and how are the
territory and fortress of Luxembourg to be
finally disposed of? These are the questions
which the Conference is to be called upon to
decide. It is manifest at a glance, however,
that these questions open up a wide field over
which discussion will freely range. It will be
impossible to lay down rules which will pre-
vent the different members of the Conference
in the interests of the different governments
which they represent from looking beyond the
confines of a mere border duchy, and touch-
ing on certain events which have recently
transpired, and on certain other events, which,
if not forcibly checked, are sure to transpire
in the early future. It is well to limit the
programme; but directly members proceed to
business the programme will be found to have
enlarged itself in spite of them. Is it con-
ceivable that France, in stating the reasons why
she desired to annex Luxembourg to the empire,
will be silent either in regard to the increase
of territory and power which Prussia has made
during the last year, or to the various means
by which that increase has been secured? Is
it conceivable, on the other hand, that Prussia,
in defending the course she has taken, will
have nothing to say, not only about the rights
of the German people, but about the unifica-
tion of Italy and the annexation of Nice? Is
it impossible that the question of the Rhine
boundaries will be revived by Napoleon, and
perhaps even prosecuted with greater success
than ever? In view of the complete unifica-
tion of Germany will Austria be able to pre-
serve silence in regard to the future of her
German provinces? Will no voice be raised
in defence of the rights of the Danish popu-
lation of Northern Schleswig? And are we jus-
tified in inferring that the treaty of Prague will
be allowed to pass, in all its entirety, unques-
tioned? The possibilities of the Conference
overleaping the limits of the programme can-
not be said to be either few or small.Of the probable result it is necessary to write
as yet with caution and reserve. The dis-
mantling of the fortress of Luxembourg may
be found to be a matter of less difficulty
comparatively than the future and final disposal
of the duchy. That it be in some sense pro-
claimed neutral is absolutely necessary, and
may already be considered certain; but whether
it shall remain a separate State with a sepa-
rate and independent government of its own,
or be annexed to Belgium, to which it lies
contiguous, or be made to form an integral part
of the kingdom of Holland, are questions on
any one of which it is little likely uniformity
of sentiment will prevail. The population is
German, German in race, German in language,
German in sympathy; and if they are barred
from the present form of formal union with
their brethren of the Fatherland, it is difficult
to say which of the three courses just indi-
cated would by themselves be deemed preferable.
Separation and independency would leave
the duchy isolated and weak. Union with
Holland would place it in the awkward
position of a province which, though
not remote, would have no territorial
connection with the kingdom of which it
would form a part. Annexation to Belgium,
if agreeable to the population, appears to be
the most natural course, and commands
itself not merely by the fact that the bound-
aries are contiguous, but by the additional
circumstance that the northern portion of the
duchy is already held by Belgium in virtue of
the treaties of 1839. Annexed to Belgium,
therefore, Luxembourg would, in a certain
sense, be restored to her former self. In our
anxiety for peace we cannot afford to be indif-
ferent to the welfare of the populations most
deeply interested. Our hope, therefore, is that
the Conference may result in some such ar-
rangement as that peace will be maintained
and the people satisfied.There are other outstanding questions of
interest and importance which it might be
well for this convention of the great Powers to
consider and determine. What, for example,
is the use of allowing this everlasting Eastern
question to hang like a nightmare before
Europe, keeping the entire continent in a con-
tinual state of excitement and terror? It could
be easily settled—settled to the advantage of
all, and to the disadvantage of none. The
great Powers have but to agree among them-
selves, to give the Turk respectful notice to
quit, to reorganize the Christian populations,
placing them under a fresh, vigorous, central
government, and that which is now a waste
under Turkish misrule will reappear as the
garden of Europe. No sooner will this Con-
ference meet than it will be the object of universal
interest; intelligent and thoughtful minds in
the Old World and in the New will watch its
progress and canvas its results; but if it
accomplish nothing grander than the settle-
ment of the Luxembourg difficulty, important
even as that is, its fruit will be small indeed.

Woman Suffrage in England.

The number of women advocates of woman
suffrage has been steadily increasing in Eng-
land. Their name is already legion. "And not
a few names of men are inscribed on the great
petitions which were lately laid before the
House of Commons in favor of the movement,
the one by Mr. John Stuart Mill and the other
by Mr. Russell Gurney." "Mr. Mill is still a
faithful champion of the ladies; but for some
reason or other, which is not promulgated, will
soon be publicly explained, another philosopher,
Mr. Herbert Spencer, seems to have deserted
the cause. He has been converted by Miss Collet,
the only lady who is writing against the en-
franchisement of her sex. Solitary and alone
she contends against Miss Cobbe and her
sister Amans. The latter, however, seem to
have fascinated and won the people in theirThe London Conference—Its Probable Doings
and Results.The truth seems at last to have been arrived
at. Our cable news has made it clear that
the Conference has been agreed to, and it has
at the same time explained how a certain
doubtful telegram originated. In closing the
North German Parliament, King William very
prudently refrained from making any allusion
to the Luxembourg question.